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SUBJECT: GAO REPORT ON US FORCES LOCAL EMPLOYEES

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REF: STATE 180144, BONN 12693, TOKYO 12745, MANILA 11917

1. DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE FOR GAO REPORT FOR USE ON IF-
ASKED BASIS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT IS
BASED ON PREVIOUSLY PREPARED AND PUBLISHED GAO REPORTS ON
THE FRG, JAPAN, KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES AND ITALY AND
OTHERS. THE GAO DETERMINED THAT IN SOME INSTANCES THE PAY

OF DOD FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES EXCEEDED THAT OF COM-
PARABLE EMPLOYEES ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE GAO RECOM-
MENDED THAT DOD ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO BRING
THE PAY OF ITS EMPLOYEES MORE IN LINE WITH THAT OF OTHER
WORKERS IN COMPARABLE POSITIONS. THE GAO IS, OF COURSE,
AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY NOT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THE REPORT UNDER REFERENCE WAS PREPARED
AT THE BEHEST OF CONGRESS.

THE REPORT POINTS UP PROBLEMS WHICH THE USG MUST ADDRESS.
WHILE THE SOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED MAY NOT ALWAYS BE FEASIBLE,
THEY WILL BECOME A WORTHWHILE REFERENCE FOR THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AS IT SEARCHES FOR WAYS TO REDUCE THE GROWING

FINANCIAL STRAIN OF STATIONING US FORCES OVERSEAS. UNQUOTE.

2. FOR BONN: EMBASSY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO EMPHASIZE
THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE GAO REPORT TO INDICATE ANY
U.S. PLANS TO LAY OFF THE 67,000 GERMAN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES
OF THE U.S. FORCES IN GERMANY. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO
DRAW FROM PAGE 19 OF THE PROPOSED REPORT, WHICH IS UN-
CLASSIFIED, TO THE EFFECT THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE FRG AND USG REGARDING DEPENDENT
HIRES AND THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF GERMAN LABOR AND
SOCIAL LAWS TO DEPENDENTS IN GERMAN NATIONAL POSITIONS.

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3. ADDRESSEES MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS ON ABOVE GUIDANCE.
THESE SHOULD REACH DEPARTMENT NLT COB (WASHINGTON TIME)
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